

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I/we:

(name/citizenship/address):

Dr. Thorsten Matthée, German citizen  
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- and -

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- and -

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(hereinafter ASSIGNOR(S)), having invented certain new and useful improvements in:

(title) Apparatus and method for coating a substrate by  
means of a chemical gas phase separation process

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed concurrently herewith:

WHEREAS, (name/citizenship/address):

Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten  
Forschung e.V. (German company)  
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(hereinafter ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any U.S. Letters Patent that may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One U.S. Dollar to me/us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, said ASSIGNOR(S), has sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents does coll, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and enjoyment of said ASSIGNEE, its heirs, successors and assigns.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representative any facts known to it respecting said invention, and will testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisions, continuations, substitutions, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything necessary or desirable to aid said ASSIGNEE to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States.

The undersigned hereby grants the law firm of Salter, Michaelson & Benson the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

Dated: 15. January 1998 By: Dr. Thorsten Matthäe  
(Dr. Thorsten Matthäe)  
Dated: 17. Januar 1998 By: Rolf Six  
(Rolf Six)  
Dated: 15. Januar 1998 By: Alexander Hempel  
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